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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

ATTORNEY DKT. NO. 22578.3

Dennis R. Ulbrich

SERIAL NO. 09/902,440

GROUP ART UNIT: 3677

FILED: July 27, 1999

EXAMINING ATTORNEY: Lugo, C.

TITLE: Locking System for Gooseneck Trailer

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Mail Stop APPEAL - FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an Extension of Time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 to take the action required in the above referenced application, as reflected by the papers submitted.

(55.00)First Month 110.00 Second Month 420.00 (210.00)(475.00)Third Month 950.00 Fourth Month 1,480.00 (740.00)2,010.00 (1,005.00)Fifth Month TOTAL: \$55.00

Applicant is a small entity. A check in the amount of the above total fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee, or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 033483.

Respectfully submitted,

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